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Building and glass materials	108.5
Wood industry	101.9
Leather industry	92.1
Textile industry	98.1
Clothing industry	99.3
Paper industry	108.2
Food industry	110.6
Chemical industry	106.0
Multigraphing industry	107.8

The number of workers in industry also increased. During the first 6 months of 1949, the total number of workers in the manufacturing industries and in the state and local building enterprises increased by 100,000. Of this, 90,000 were laborers and 10,000 were white-collar workers. In the building industry alone the increase was 50,000. Iron and machine industry workers increased by 16,000.

The average real wage increased by 20.2 percent and the cost of living decreased by 14 percent for the same period.

Increase in productivity of labor lagged behind plan estimates. Last year, for the corresponding period, it increased 20.7 percent, while this year, it increased by only 8.5 percent.

Agriculture

Plan estimates for planting have been fulfilled. The sown area for wheat exceeded that of last year by 7 percent, peas 51 percent, sunflowers 84 percent, and for fibrous plants 91 percent. The total sown area increased by more than 80,000 cadastral yokes, and only 6.3 percent of last year's fallow ground remained fallow this year. Plan estimates for the establishment of machine-tractor stations during the third year of the three-year plan have already been fulfilled 87 percent. There were 206 machine-tractor stations established as of 30 June 1949.

Communications

As compared to the first 6 months of 1948, freight shipments by railroads increased by 12.4 percent during the first 6 months of 1949 and the number of passengers carried increased by 4.2 percent.

Investments

Investments for the first 6 months of 1949 greatly exceeded those of the corresponding period of 1948. Average monthly investments exceeded those of the five-month plan by 44 percent and those of the first year of the three-year plan by 120 percent. Investments lagged in construction work and were highest in communications and industry. Total estimated investments of 4,200,000,000 forints were exceeded by one billion forints.

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